



Armor Basic Officer Leaders Course





Purpose



Provide an overview of the Armor Basic Officer Leaders Course (ABOLC) and Fort Benning, GA to USMA/ROTC/OCS cadets enabling a better understanding, transition and opportunity to shape the Armor Lieutenant going to the Operational Force



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Squadron Mission



2nd Squadron, 16th Cavalry trains and inspires Armor / Cavalry Lieutenants in order to provide the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, and allied nations with confident, competent, and agile Armor Officers capable of conducting Unified Land Operations as part of a combined arms team.

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An Armor Lieutenant



Uncertain Environment

(China/Korea/Middle East/Africa/Borders/Internal/Resources/Criminal)

SHOOT

COMMUNICATE

CAV/AR
60/40

MANEUVER

INTANGIBLES

1. Demonstrated greater proficiency with firing and employing organic mounted weapon systems
2. Strives for precision gunnery through knowing the weapon system and its effects
3. Proficient with M4 Carbine

1. Fight a platoon as part of a combined arms team; mounted and dismounted
2. Demonstrated greater proficiency maneuvering a mounted force, regardless of platform
3. Greater understanding of the environment and adjusts to the situation
4. Familiar with expanding capabilities at tactical levels and incorporates proficiently with a direct fire plan (both lethal and non-lethal) (Indirect Fires, Air (rotary/fixed), Engineers)
5. Understand how to sustain his men & equipment

1. Commands, controls and synchronizes a platoon as part of a combined arms team
 - Proficient with FM communications
 - Familiarized with FBCB2
 - Greater proficiency in his ability to report, describe the situation, make a recommendation to a commanding officer or acts decisively
2. Demonstrated greater proficiency and confidence in issuing a five paragraph OPOD and use of TLPs
3. Greater proficiency in applying the fundamentals of IPB
4. Able to recognize and operate within diverse cultures; familiar with cultural framework model; familiar with basic negotiation techniques; and familiar with using an interpreter

1. Standard Bearer/Fit/Proficient at PRT
2. Critical thinker
3. Adaptive and empowered to act
4. Decisive, Bold and Audacious = Confident
5. Starts to understand his role as a mentor/counselor
6. Multifunctional leader (PL/Crewman/Mounted/Dismounted)



QUICK FACTS



- 50% Armor / 50% Cavalry Training
- 19-Week/100-Day Course
- 37 Days of Field Training
- Tank Training & 2-day gunnery LFX
- 16 x 120mm rounds per LT (10 sabot/6 HEAT), 600 x .50cal, 664 x 7.62mm
- Light CAV Weapons Training & 1-day LFX
- Stryker Familiarization
- Call For Fire Trainer/Air-Ground Integration – 8 hours
- A Supply and Maintenance Class
- Radio / ANPYQ-10 SKL / FBCB2 Training
- Culture Training
- 5 days of Tank CCTT (Close Combat Tactical Trainer)
- 60 Days of Warrior Focused PRT (Physical Readiness Training) / Level I Combatives Training and Certification
- Urban Operations utilizing 3 MOUT Sites (Selby CACTF, HSTL, Good Hope MTA)
- Full Spectrum Operations FTX
- Cost per ABOLC Class: \$2.3 million per LT: \$32,000

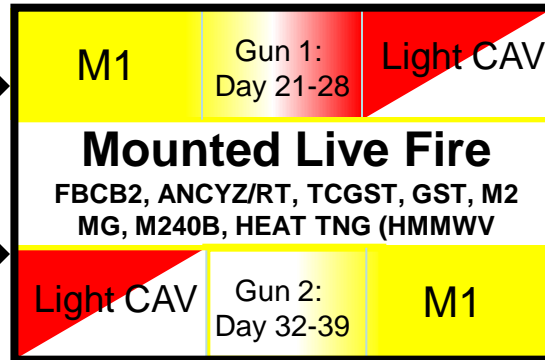


ABOLC



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Foundation Training
In processing, Land NAV,
BRM, APFT

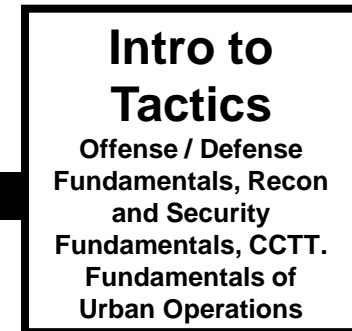
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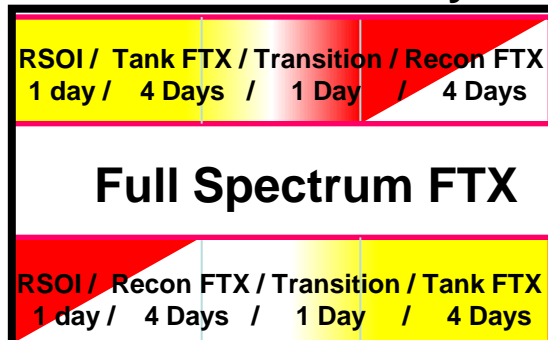
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Day 55-81



Day 43-54



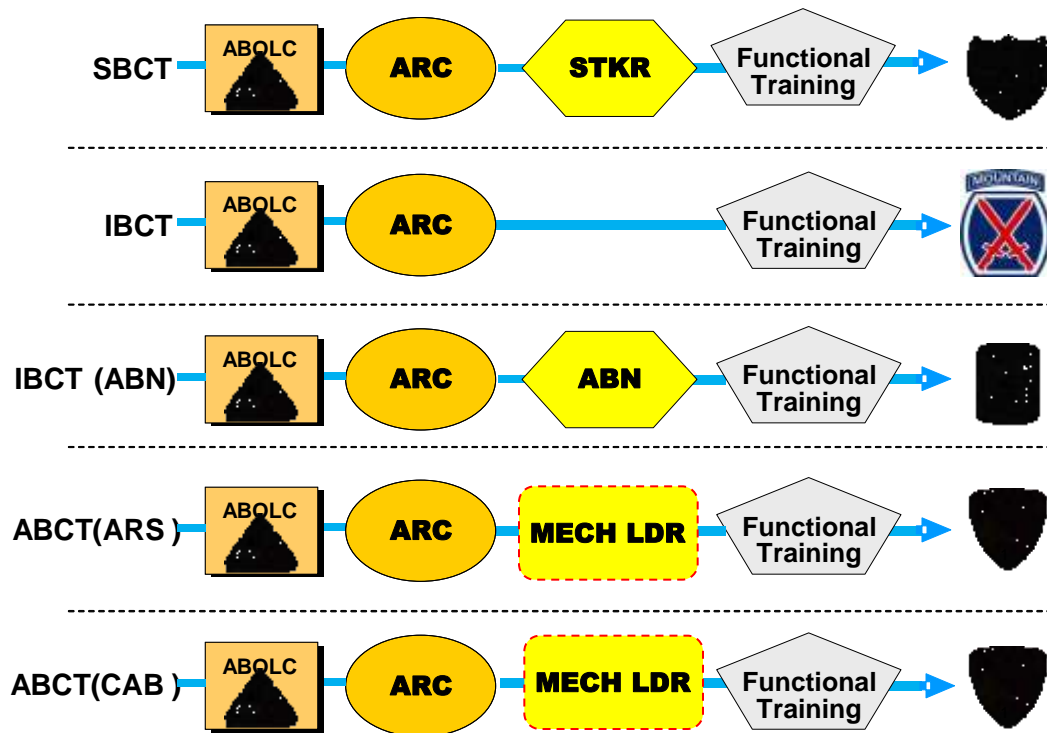
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FOLLOW-ON STRATEGY



Tier 1

(Required per DA PAM 600-3)

ARC

Tier 2

(Assignment Specific)

- ABN (IBCT ABN)
- Stryker Leader Course (SBCT)
- Mechanized Leader Course

Tier 3

(Functional Training)

- Ranger
- Ranger Training Assessment
- Airborne
- CSF Prep



ABOLC Course Overview



Phase I: Foundations

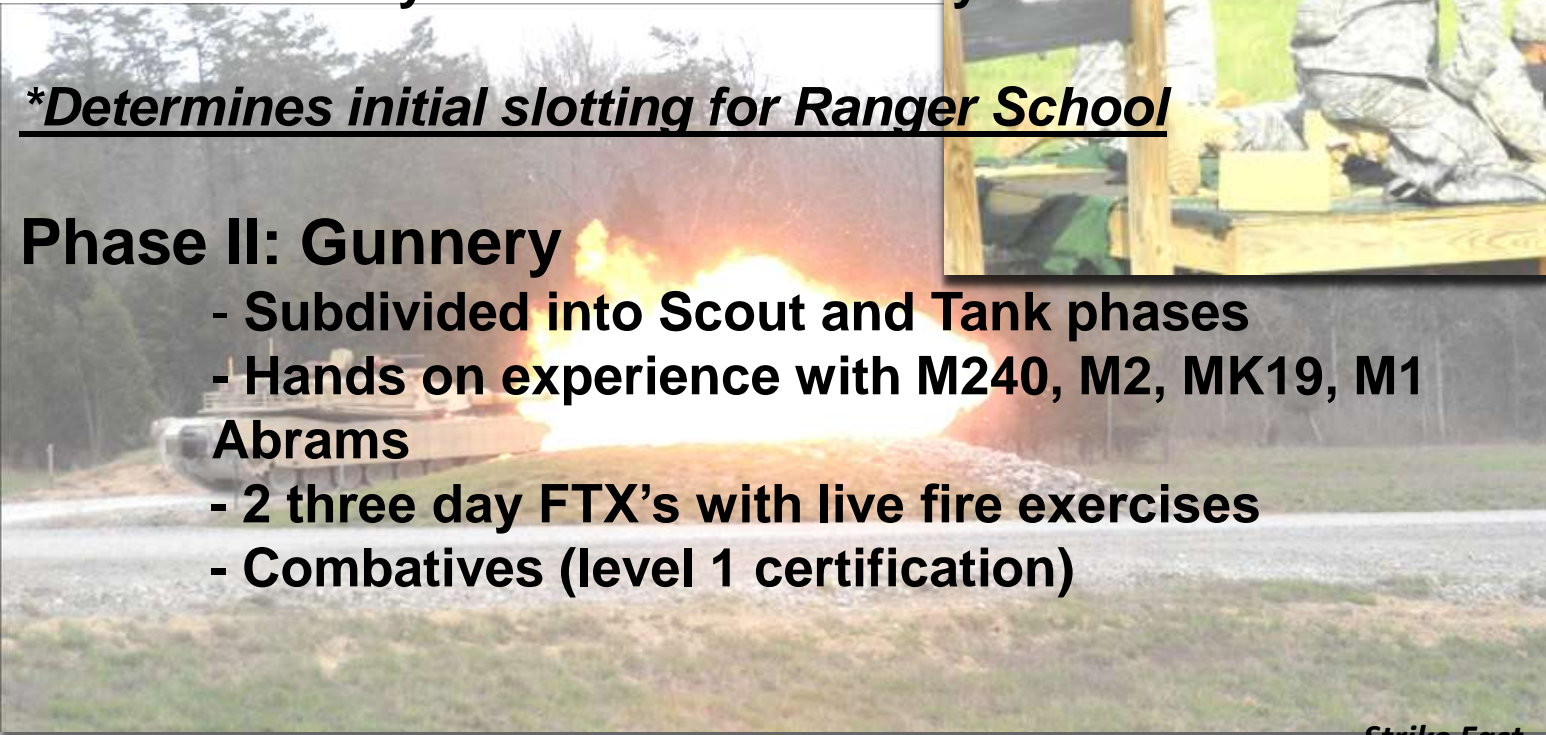
- Med, Finance and Post In-processing
- Basic Rifle Marksmanship
- Land Navigation
- Initial APFT *
- Property Accountability Classes
- History of Armor and Cavalry



***Determines initial slotting for Ranger School**

Phase II: Gunnery

- Subdivided into Scout and Tank phases
- Hands on experience with M240, M2, MK19, M1 Abrams
- 2 three day FTX's with live fire exercises
- Combatives (level 1 certification)





ABOLC Course Overview



Phase III: Tactics

- Introduction to Tank and Scout Platoon formations, compositions and tactics
- Scout Side:
 - 3 Classroom OPORD's
 - Dismounted Recon STX (2 days)
 - Mounted Recon STX (5 days)
- Tank Side:
 - 5 Classroom OPORD's
 - CCTT STX (simulated exercises) (2 days)
 - Mounted STX (3 days)



Phase IV: Gauntlet/ Out-processing

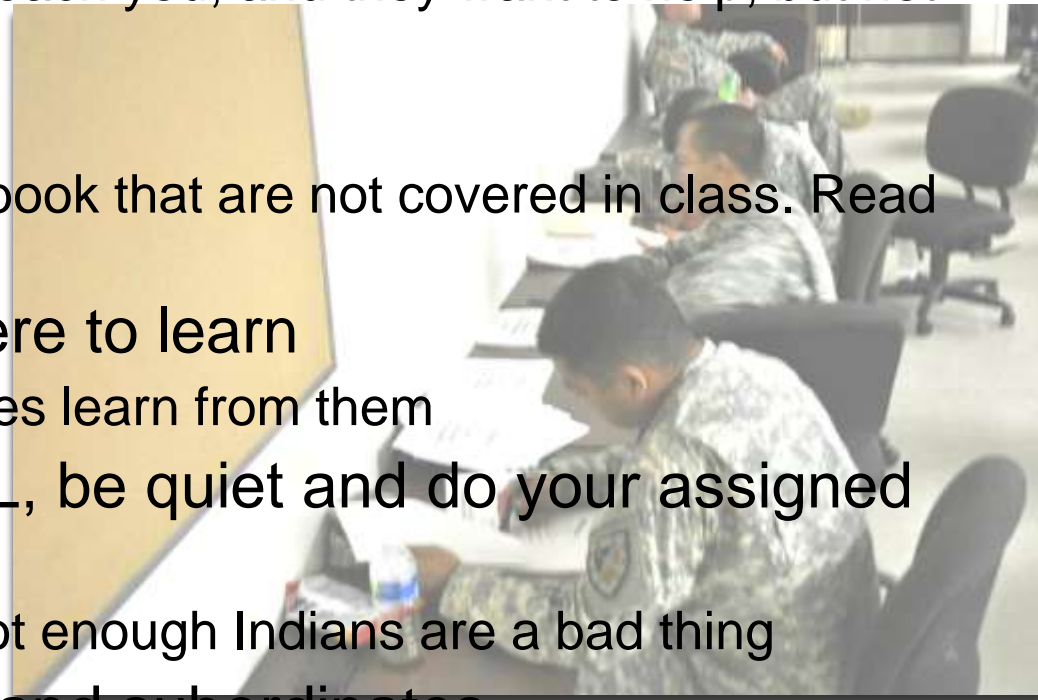
- Culminating 10 day FTX
- Force on Force Combined Troop Missions (Recon and Tank Platoons working simultaneously)
- Dining in and Social
- Graduation



ABOLC Keys to Success



- Ask plenty of questions
 - The cadre are there to teach you, and they want to help, but not everything is spoon fed
- Do the homework
 - There are things in the book that are not covered in class. Read the manuals
- Remember- you are here to learn
 - When you make mistakes learn from them
- When you aren't the PL, be quiet and do your assigned job
 - Too many Chiefs and not enough Indians are a bad thing
- Interact with superiors and subordinates
 - Seek professional development, and advice from others

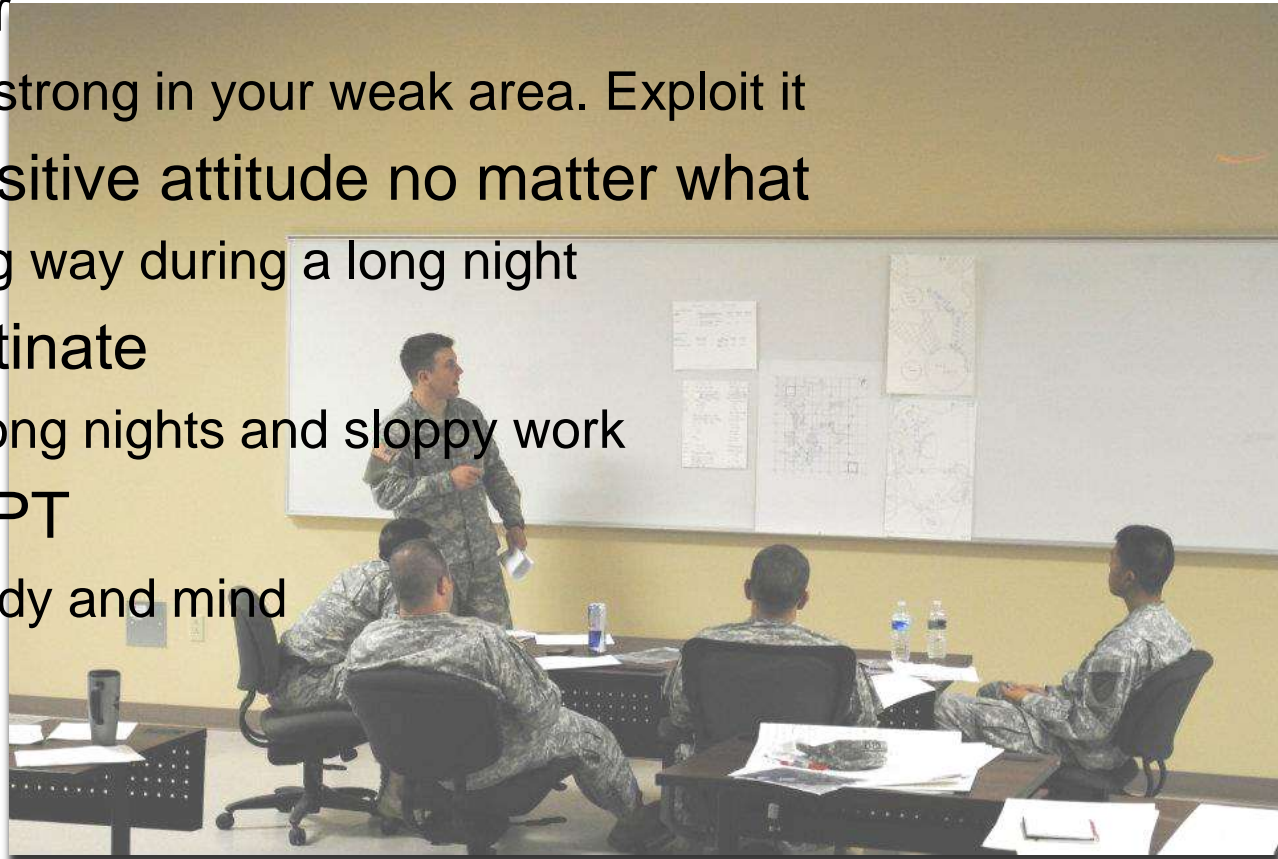




ABOLC Keys to Success



- Stay calm on the radio
 - Situations always fair better when composed
- Work together
 - Someone is strong in your weak area. Exploit it
- Maintain a positive attitude no matter what
 - It goes a long way during a long night
- Don't procrastinate
 - It results in long nights and sloppy work
- Do your own PT
 - It focuses body and mind





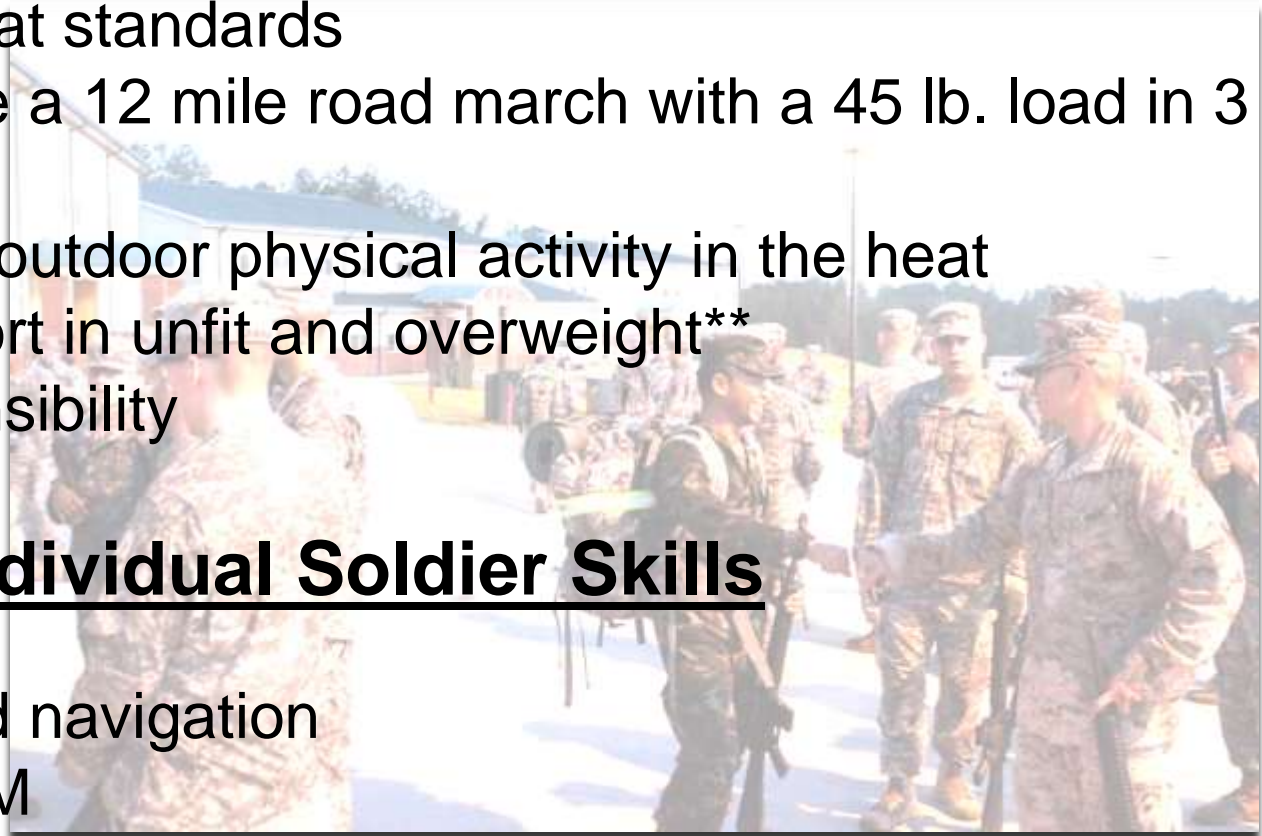
Expectations of LTs

Physical Fitness

- Be able to pass the APFT with a 270 / 90 pts in each event
- Meet Ht./Wt./body fat standards
- Be able to complete a 12 mile road march with a 45 lb. load in 3 hours
- Be able to conduct outdoor physical activity in the heat
- ABOLC LTs do report in unfit and overweight**
- PT is YOUR responsibility

Individual Soldier Skills

- Competency in land navigation
- Competency in BRM



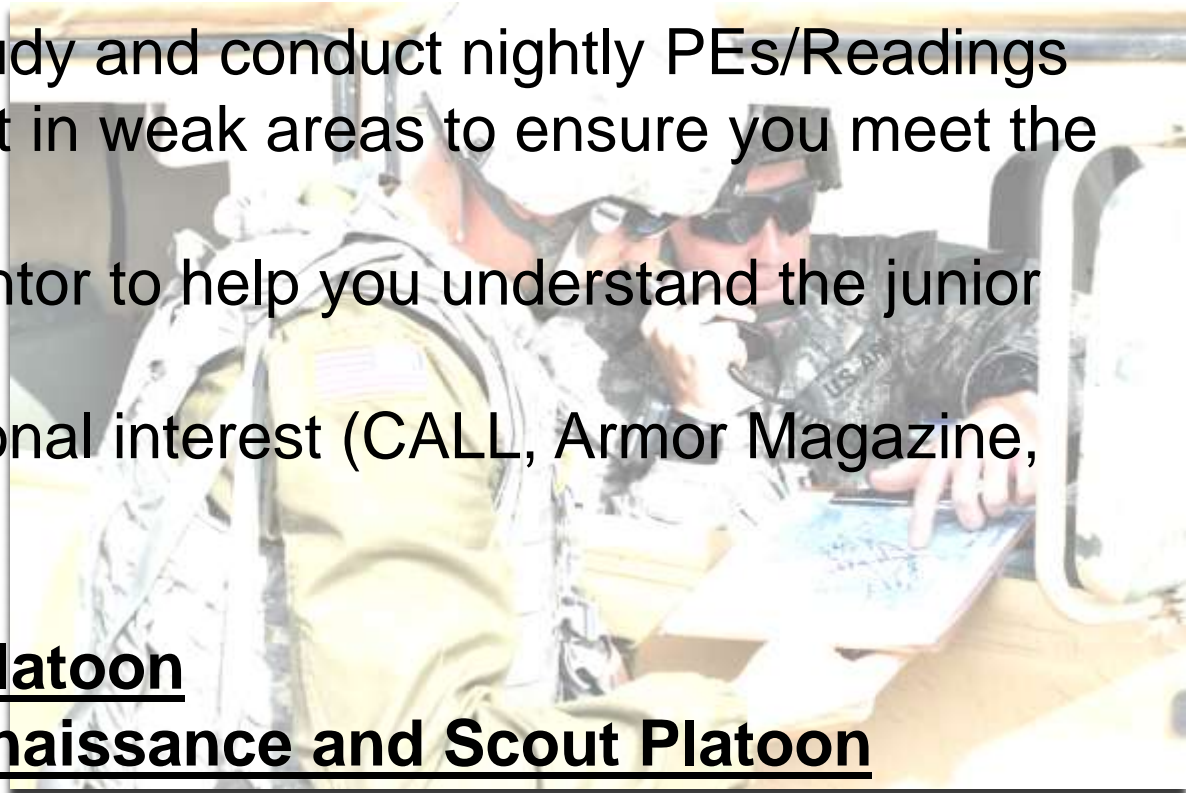


Expectations of LTs



Professional Preparation

- Be prepared to self study and conduct nightly PEs/Readings
- Seek self development in weak areas to ensure you meet the standard in all areas
- Seek professional mentor to help you understand the junior officer career path
- Demonstrate professional interest (CALL, Armor Magazine, current events)
- Read your manuals
 - **FM 3-20.15 Tank Platoon**
 - **FM 3-20.98 Reconnaissance and Scout Platoon**
- Do what is right all the time





Before arriving to FBGA



- Complete Anti-Terrorism Level 1 Training
 - <https://atlevel1.dtic.mil/at/>
- Complete DoD IA Awareness Training / Anti-Phishing training
 - <https://ia.signal.army.mil/DoDIAA>
 - <http://iase.disa.mil/eta/phishing/Phishing/launchPage.htm>
- Complete the Global Assessment Tool (GAT)
 - <https://www.sft.army.mil/>
- Complete part one of your PHA online
 - Complete in “my medical” portion of your AKO
- If interested in Ranger School
 - <http://www.benning.army.mil/infantry/rtb/StudentInformation.html>
- Ensure you bring all of your records
 - Medical
 - Dental
 - Shots



Arriving to FBGA In-processing



- **If you are authorized PTDY**

- Report to Housing; BLDG 2619 (Soldiers Plaza)
- Ensure you get your DA31 stamped and begin searching for residence
- If you did not have PTDY you will be given time to establish residence before your course begins

- **Reporting to ABOLC**

- Report to 2-16 Cavalry Squadron; BLDG 5144, 13th Armored Division Road
- Report to Mr. Bryan Jones in the S-1 on the 2nd floor
- Report NLT 5 days before your course start date

- **Household Goods**

- Contact Transportation: Personal Property Shipping Office for delivery of any HHG you did not transport with you
- Located in BLDG 6; intersection of Burr St./Chesney St. (Main Post)
- Phone: 706-545-4900



Places to live in Columbus



- All popular places are within 10-25 minutes north of Fort Benning.

- Popular apartment complex's:

- **Independence Place**

- Exit 3

- 1-3 Bedroom Apts starting from \$695-\$969

- Phone number 706-689-1026. POC – Ashley Huff (Sales Mgr)

- **Whisperwood Apartments**

- Exit 6

- 1-3 Bedroom Apts starting from \$620-\$1020

- Phone number 706-563-0001. POC – Mia Crowley (Leasing Mgr)

- **Greenleaf Apartments (AL)**

- Phenix City

- 1-3 Bedroom Apts starting from \$570-\$800

- Phone number 334-297-9292. POC – Nicole Smith (Leasing Mgr)



Places to live in Columbus (Cont.)



- **Cougar Village**

Exit 7

1-3 Bedroom Apts starting from \$569-\$799

Phone number 706-565-7550. POC – Miles Dowdy (Sales Mgr)

- **Greystone Properties**

Multiple Locations

1-3 Bedroom Apts starting from \$850-\$965

Phone number 706-221-7175. POC – Brittany Gilder (Leasing Mgr)



Villages at Fort Benning



•Who Can Live Here?

- Married and Single LT's
- Check the website or call for availability
- The website has an application and a checklist process (documentation)

•Living Arrangement

- Bachelor housing is separated from family housing
- Bachelor housing - \$1,000 total (up to 3 ppl per apartment)
- Family Housing – Rent is entire BAH
- Housing is sectioned off into different areas within the community by rank

•Points of Contact

- Noelle – Manager: 706.685.3939
- www.VillagesofBenning.com
 - Application
 - Checklist (documentation)
 - Floor Plans



Entertainment in Columbus



- **Downtown Columbus:**

- Riverwalk
- Coca-Cola Science Museum
- Civic Center – Cottonmouths, Concerts
- River Center
- Providence Canyon State Park (20 min South of Harmony Church)
- Main shopping and eating center off Exit 6-10
- 1 hour to Auburn, AL
- 2 hours to Atlanta, GA
- 3 hours to Birmingham, AL
- 3.5 hours to Athens (UGA)
- 4 hours to Panama City Beach, FL
- 4.5 hours to Savannah, GA
- 4.5 hours to Destin, FL



Resources



- <http://www.benning.army.mil> –FBGA Website
- <http://www.benning.army.mil/armor/316thCav/216/> - 2-16 CAV page
- <http://www.facebook.com/pages/2-16th-Cavalry-Saber-Squadron-Armor-Basic-Officer-Leader-Course/161068107251504> - 2 -16 CAV Facebookpage
- <https://forums.bcks.army.mil/secure/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=1247271&lang=en> - ABOLC Maneuver Net Page (AKO Login Required)
- <http://platoonleader.army.mil> – Platoon Leader Resources



ABOLC POCs



Squadron CDR: 706-626-8309

Squadron XO: 706-626-8308

Squadron S3: 706-626-8333

HHT CDR: 706-626-8347

SQDN S1 (Lieutenant Reception):

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